



Connecting across contexts: Promising practices to support Black students

Learn how our new research review and video on promising practices for supporting Black students is sparking interest across our region.

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Building connections to support career readiness

Meet Dominique Bradley, the new facilitator for the Midwest Career Readiness Research Alliance, and discover how she's building bridges between state and local education staff to improve career readiness for all students.

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Partnership spotlight: Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance

Check out our new alliance handout to explore how we're partnering with practitioners and policymakers in Illinois and the region to support research in early childhood education.

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Ask A REL: What does the research say about play-based learning?

Our recent Ask A REL response shares research on the connection between play-based learning and early literacy, numeracy, and social and emotional learning.

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Resource roundup: Supporting career readiness in rural schools

We rounded up these career readiness resources from the REL program and the College and Career Readiness and Success Center with rural educators in mind.

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RSVP for upcoming events in October

Register now! All events are free and open to the public.

- **Oct. 9:** [Conducting Relevant Research Through Networked Improvement Communities](#), Webinar
- **Oct. 11:** [Ready for the Future: Career Preparation in Rural Communities](#), St. Paul, MN
- **Oct. 23:** [A Well-Prepared Teacher: Aligning K–12 and Higher Education Expectations](#), Lansing, MI

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